(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The service conditions of both the services are different. The parameters of enrolment, recruitment and training are entirely different for these two streams. Personnel of GREF are governed under CCS (Leave) Rules whereas Army personnel are covered under separate set of rules and hence the difference.

Setting up coast guard stations

1400. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA:

SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) in view of the serious lapses in the country's coastal security system, whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to set up 9 Coast Guard Stations in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the details of Coast Guard Stations proposed to set up along the coast of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) whether the Ministry can also consider for covering the entire coast of the country with radar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (e) The Government has approved setting up of twelve (12) additional Coast Guard Stations in the country including two stations at Nizampatnam and Krishnapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. Appropriate steps have been taken for strengthening coastal surveillance and security, including installation of radars.

Joint military exercises with other countries

†1401. DR. RAM PRAKASH:

SHRI RANJITSINH VIJAYSINH MOHITE PATIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has recently conducted joint naval exercises with different countries;

(b) if so, the amount spent thereon;

(c) whether any proposal regarding joint military exercises of the armed forces in the near future is under consideration of Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.